Silent night-Holy night

"Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleeps in heavenly peace,
Sleeps in heavenly peace."

~~BACK TO WORK~~ THE DAILY GRIND

Exodus 5:13 Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.

Intro. Contrasting the magical works of Jesus with the magical works of Moses led me to go back to Exodus and read the story of Moses, the persecution of the Israelites by the Egyptians and Jehovah's guidance of the Israelites out of Egypt. The plagues!

At the very beginning ran across an interesting ve verse, a mighty good proverb, but unjustly applied. "Fulfill your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw".

The occasion- the request to go and worship.
Making bricks without being furnished the necessary s raw.

Characteristic of Egyptians-vastness- extensive building
The Pyramids-built of solid granite from quarries hundreds of miles away, brot down over the desert on sledges, drawn by man-power.
Some of the blocks weighed 1600 tons. How did the Egyptians accomplish this seemingly impossible feat? A day's work in its day. They inched those great blocks of stone along until they had moved them a foot, then they kept moving them foot by foot until they had gone mile after mile, until they were brot to the site of oonstruction.
The Egyptians may not have knows the true God as did the Israelites, but they had discovered God's plan for the living of our lives- just a day at a time
Every day has its own dities, its own tasks, its own problems And the way to perform these duties and tasks and to solve these problems is to perform and face them a day at a time.

I. <u>This is the secret of accomplishing great things</u>, even the semmingly impossible.
Peyson from N.Y& to S.F.
U.S.Warehouses on marshes at Newark, N.J.
Harriman told he could not build r.r. across Salt Lake.
The Hudson could not be tunneled- but McAdoo did it.
The Panama Canal. (Great achievements planned with great care are accomplished thru daily work!
The Acrobat, the dancer, the artist, the musician.

II. <u>Not genius, but faithfulness to the daily task, insures success.</u>

1. The acquaintance of ours who paid the Mayo Bros. a fee of $10,000.
Rochester, Minn. a little town, but to it come people from all over the world

2. The Mayo Bros. in school were unnoticed and little thot of, because they were not brilliant. But they were faithful plodders, faithfull to their daily work.

With the Mayo Bros. in school was a very brilliant student who made high marks and shone in all the doings of the school. This brilliant student died not long ago in a little towm out here in the west, of 500 people, unknown and obscure,.

Thus the man who was given straw(talent) failed to make his bricks $success), while the Mayo boys had to go after their own straw(for they did not possess any outstanding talent) but by being faithful to their daily tasks they have builded a most outstanding success.

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III. Faithfulness to our daily tasks avoids worry and trou
We look at the whole of things and are staggered.
We look ahead at tomorrow and grow discouraged.
What we neglect to do today is piled onto tomorrow, thus our burden becomes unbearable.
Cramming for a final ex.

IV. The secret of living a victorious life, the faithful performance of our daily tasks.

1. The efficient man
Wastes no time, accounting for every 5 minutes of the day.
Schedule Bible Study + prayer — Keeps memorandum and schedule and carries out both
Works best unwatched, has to guard against overdoing
Keeps his eyes open for improvements
Ever tries to make ~~himself worth~~ his services worth twice as much as he is getting.
Relaxes perfectly, so keeping well and strong.

2. God is with the man who is faithful to his daily task.
"And as thy days, so shall thy strength be".
The story of the two rival tribes- The Horatii and the Curatii. A threatened civil war settled by a combat between three representatives from each tribe.
The three Curatii were wounded, but they had slain two of the Horatii, but when they proceeded to attack the remaining horatii he ran away, to the consternation of his friends and the satisfaction of his foes.
But in so doing the three puesuers became separated, then the pursued turned and dealt with each attacked separatedy, slaying each.

If we will but live our lives a day at a time, if we will be fathful to our duties one at a time, the victory will be oours in the end.

This is what Jesus meant when he taught us to pray, Give us this day our daily bread"

"Be not anxious for tomorrow; sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

"Forenoon and afternoon and night-
Forenoon and afternoon and night,
Forenoon, and- what?
The empty song repeats itself. No more?
Yea, this is life, make this forenoon sublime,
This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,
And time is conguered and thy crown is won."